

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is the consequences of an arrogant corporation which demands that its stations broadcast a political screed under the guise of news.

Sinclair has an obligation to serve the public interest because it uses the public airwaves free of charge. But when large companies control the airwaves, they care far more about profits and little about their obligation to present equal time for opposing views. Instead of local viewers seeing a piece of biased programming, it's vital for our democracy to see residents from our own communities discussing issues fairly presented so we can make up our minds for ourselves.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen regulations for large media conglomerates, not eviscerate them. They show why the license renewal process needs input from informed viewers who will not tolerate deliberately skewed programming in favor of conservatives. Thank you.